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6th March 1922.

My dear Raja Sahib,

Your kind letter of the 21st. I sent you a telegram soon after receipt of the letter, to say that His Highness agreed to your suggestion and would go up to Simla, instead of Delhi.

His Highness's intention is to make a fairly long stay at Simla, probably three weeks. He may even arrive there before the Viceroy. His Highness desires me to tell you how grateful he feels to you for your offer of hospitality at Simla, but as his stay will be rather a long one, he hopes that you will not mind if he makes his own arrangements about supplies etc. He is giving you enough trouble in other ways, and would feel very uncomfortable if he had to worry you even in regard to matters in which he need not.

Next, as regards accommodation, His Highness would prefer to live outside Simla, away from the bustle of the town. Would not Kashmir House be a suitable place for His Highness ? Or can you think of a more convenient residence for him ? If you decide on Kashmir House, His Highness should, I suppose, write himself to the Maharaja.

A couple of cars will be necessary. Could they be hired there ? I shall send a camp man a few days in advance. We shall be informing the Resident soon of the proposed visit to Simla.

You will be sorry to hear that the Dewan, Sir M. Kantaraj Urs had a stroke of paralysis recently. Mr. Banerji who is next in seniority, will in all probability, succeed him.

Trusting that you are keeping very fit and well, and with warmest regards,

Yours ever,

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